

Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club

2023–Catboat/PHRF Spring Series

Sailing Instructions.

1. Rules - The Series will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. Entries - Competitors may enter at any time during the Series. There is a \$35.00 fee and registration is on line on the BYSC website.
3. Communications - Channel 78
4. Schedule - SATURDAY Skippers meeting on the dock 12:00pm. Race start 1:00pm. March 25th #1, April 8th #2, April 15th #3, April 22nd #4. April 29th #5, May 20th #6, May 27th #7, June 3rd #8, June 10th (Waterfest Regatta) FINAL Race.
5. Racing Area and Marks - Beaufort River in front of club with a Start/ Finish Line. The course will use Government marks sailing South near Paris Island to be agreed upon at the Skippers Meeting. Round all turning marks to PORT. Cross under McTeer Bridge within two bridge sections of Main Channel. A second course in front of the Club between the two bridges using club and Government marks might be set. Competitors shall NOT use the “short cut” when racing to the Waterfront Park area. To save confusion competitors will honor the large wooden “bridge” sign west of the sandbar, this should keep racers out of the shortcut...especially at high tide. Government navigational marks need not be honored, **except for Day Mark 242.**
6. Start/Number Laps - All boats will start at the same time utilizing US Government Time. PHRF scores will be time on time. Skippers Meeting on the dock at 12:00 pm. All boats start at 1:00pm unless a different time is deemed appropriate. If a race committee start line is available, the Catboats will use that, a finish line will be decided upon before racing starts. A start/finish line MAY be between 2 Red buoys West of BYSC mooring field, or other starting points such as shore side fixed piles etc. The race might be shortened during the race using VHF CH78. Number of Laps to be agreed at Skippers Meetings.
7. Finish Position/Time - Competitors must also record time of finish to help any possible handicap changes. Competitors must set their watches on USGOV time verified at Skippers Meeting. If possible, please note finish position of boat ahead and behind you.

8. Rule Infraction - One turn penalty will be taken as soon as safely possible.
9. Engines may be used without penalty in an emergency only to avoid hitting an obstruction - such as a bridge or dock. Engine use should be at the minimum to avoid the situation and there should be no gain on the course, and Race Committee should be notified as soon as reasonably possible.
10. Series Scoring – Multiple races on a given day will be averaged, a 1st and a 3rd is scored as 2.0. Lowest score for a Series is the winner. After four race days completed there will be one throw out. Seven or more race days completed will be two throw outs.
11. **DNC gets 2 points more than the boats that show up at the starting line to race.**
DNF, DNS, DSQ, OCS, NCS, gets 1 point more than boats that show up to the start line.
12. Series Philosophy - Have Fun Increase Participation